# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
# LOK SABHA

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Soft Skill Training
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**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds for providing IT Training to students in villages/rural areas in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the effective measures taken by the Government to provide Soft Skill Training and IT and TTES Sector Welfare in Tamil Nadu, through Centre-State Schemes, NASSCOM and ICT Academy; and

(d) the funds allocated in the last three years, year-wise for the same and the total no. of students who got trained and benefited?

## Answer

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing its flagship scheme known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) on pan −India basis. PMKVY enables large number of prospective youths which includes rural youth for taking Short Term Training and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through accredited and affiliated training partner/training centers. The schemes runs across 221 job roles related to 35 Sector Skill Councils including IT-ITeS sector which is a diverse and exhaustive representation of the industry. 6 job roles are under IT/ITes SSC namely CRM Domestic Non-Voice, CRM Domestic Voice, Domestic Biometric Data Operator, Domestic Data entry Operator, Domestic IT Helpdesk Attendant and Junior Software Developer. Under CSCM, as on 31st July 2017, total 31,22,905 candidates are trained / undergoing training across country. Out them 77,066 candidates are benefited under IT/ITes sector.

In addition, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is implementing "National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM)". Under NDLM, the objective was to train 10 lakh persons with an aim to cover one person from every eligible household to be made digitally literate across the country including rural India. Under Digital India, a new scheme entitled "Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA)" was approved in December 2014 with a target to train an additional 42.50 lakh households in digital literacy over a period of four years across the country including rural India. The total target of making 52.50 lakh households digitally literate under the above schemes has been achieved in December 2016, out of which around 42% candidates are from rural India including students from villages/rural areas on the country. In the state of Tamil Nadu, a total of 2,79,822 candidates were trained and certified, out of which 1,17,526 candidates were from rural area.

Further, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is implementing "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)", aims at ushering in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 crore rural households (one person per household) by 31.03.2019. Under this scheme, beneficiaries are between the age group of 14 to 60 years from the rural areas in the country. For the State of Tamil Nadu an indicative target of training of 26.79 lakhs candidates is envisaged for which the indicative funds requirement come to Rs. 104.99 crore. Under this scheme, so far a total of 25,283 candidates have been trained in Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has approved a project for setting up ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu, Chennai in the year 2008 for ICT Training and skill development programs for faculties and graduates of the colleges. The state Government of Tamil Nadu, through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission has chosen ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu to impart training programs for the IT/ITES Skills in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu. ICT Academy in the last three years has trained / training students for the rural institutions across Tamil Nadu on various skill for the IT/ITES industry under the following projects:

â€¢ Under a project entitled "Advanced Technology training and International certification program for students in the rural Tamil Nadu" through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission benefited 300 students for the year 2016-17. The fund allocated was Rs. 90 Lakhs.
â€¢ Under a project entitled "Training of students in the rural Tamil Nadu on skills for IT/ITES Skills and soft skills" through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission benefited 10.000 students for the year 2017-18 with allocated funds of Rs. 500 Lakhs.